

THE SEWER QUESTION.

THE CHRONICLE has not a shadow of doubt that the city council is sincerely desirous of carrying out the wishes of the majority of the citizens of The Dalles in the matter of sewers. THE CHRONICLE, however, seriously doubts that the council is justified in assuming, as it seems to assume, that the result of the last city election meant no sewers or no effort in the direction of permanent improvement of the present sewers in places where the experience of years plainly indicates the mere patching up of the rotten wooden sewers as they came in is anything in the world but true economy.

At a special meeting of the council Wednesday night a motion to lay a 12-inch terra cotta pipe across First street and under the railroad track at the foot of Court street was voted down and a motion prevailed ordering the marshal to have the trenches filled in that were recently dug for the purpose of removing the obstruction at that point, caused by the caving in of the rotten wooden sewer. The marshal, of course, had the order carried out and the old sewer, with one side so rotted away that the lid or top plank lay at an angle of nearly 45 degrees, now rests under the pressure of about 12 feet of sand and gravel, and no one need be in the least surprised if the cellars and grounds that were recently flooded by sewage are in the same fix again before the winter is over. No action was taken regarding the Liberty, Laughlin and Union streets' sewers, although it is well known that these, too, have caved in in spots and will soon be in a condition to compel attention.

We mean no offence when we say the council seems to be at sea, for one of the most conscientious members, as he opposed the wasteful system of the eternal patching up of old rotten sewers, significantly added: "I do wish the property owners of this town would let us know what they want."

THE CHRONICLE believes the taxpayers of this city are willing to be taxed for an improved sewer system, taxed, that is to say, within reasonable limits. Whether right or wrong, they had little faith in the system drafted by Mr. Roberts. Besides they considered it too costly, and in addition they considered that proper and reasonable consideration had not been paid to large property owners who have spent thousands of dollars putting in their own private sewers. Be these things as they may, THE CHRONICLE would be more than pleased to place its columns at the service of any taxpayer who has anything to say on a subject that demands attention and is of deep and growing importance to the health and welfare of the city.

The bosses of the old, good, original patent lever, double acting, self-oiling and self-feeding Portland political machine are vociferously calling for legislative enactments to protect the machine from fraud. It looks as if some time last spring the people out west got onto the combination. There are too many old, useless wheels in the thing anyway, says the Baker City Republican.

Chas. A. Towne recommends that the silver party be now permitted to die. "If Mr. Towne's sense of smell were in good working order he would know that the party referred to has been dead for some time," suggests the Chicago Times-Herald.

Perhaps there won't be a fur flying time when Don Dickinson goes into the cage to "reorganize" Mr. Altgeld.—Washington Post.

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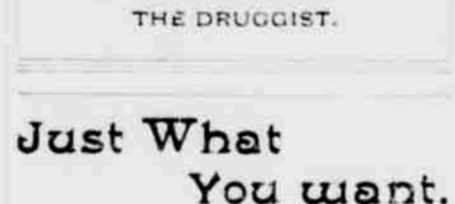
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